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Selling the Farm.

Well, why don't you say it, husband? I know what you want to say; You want to talk about selling the farm, for the mortgage we cannot pay. I know that we cannot pay it, I have thought

of it o'er and o'er; For the wheat has failed on the corner lot. where wheat never failed before. And everything here's gone backward since

Wilhe went off to sea, To pay the mertgage and save the farm, the homestead, for you and me. know it was best to give it; it was right that

the debts be paid, The debts that our thoughtless Willie, in the hours of his weakness, made; And Will would have paid it tairly, you know

If the ship had not gone down that night when no other ship was nigh. But, somehow, I didn't quit hoping, and even

I've tried to pray-(But I know it our Will was alive he'd surely be here to-day.) I thought that the merciful Father, omehow care for the lad.

Because he was trying to better the past, and because he was all we had. But now I am well nigh hopeless, si for my boy has fled,

For selling the tarm means giving him up, and knowing for sure he's dead. we have always known?

We won it away from the forest, and made it so much our own. First day that we kept house together was the day that you brought me here;

And no other place in the wide, wide world will ever be half so dear. Ot course, you remember it, Thou not ask you, I know,

For this is the month, and this the day-it was twenty-six years ago. And don't you remember it, Thomas, the win ter the barn was made?

How we were so proud and happy, for all our debts were paid-The crops were good that summer, and every

thing worked like a charm. And we telt so rich and contented to think w had paid for the farm. And now to think we must leave it, when here

I was hoping to die, It seems as if it was breaking my heart, but the fount of my tears is dry. There's a man up there in the village that's wanting to buy, you say.

does he come to-day? But there, it is wrong to grieve you, for you have enough to bear, And in all our petty troubles you always have

childish grown. There, there, go on to the village, let me have

it out alone. Poor Thomas, he's growing teeble, he steps so

twenty-six years ago. But I know that his heart is youthful, as it

was when we first were wed, And his love is as strong as ever for me, and for Willie, our boy that's dead. Oh, Wikie, my baby Willie, I never shall see

through the open door. " How are you, dear little mother?" ways the words he'd say;

It seems as if I would give the world to hear it again to-day. I knew when my boy was coming, be it ever so early or late.

He was always a whistling "Home, Swee Home," as he opened the garden gate. night that the ship went down,

Have I started up at a whistle like his, on there on the road from town:

And in many a night of sorrow, in the silence early and late,

Have I held my breath at a footstep, tha seemed to pause at the gate. I hope that he cannot see us, wherever h soul may be:

It would grieve him to know the trouble, that's come to father and me. Out there is the tree he planted, the day he was twelve years old;

The sunlight is glinting through it, and turn ing its leaves to gold; And often when I was lonely, and no one near

at hand, I have talked to it, hours together .could understand---And sometimes I used to fancy, whenever

spoke of my boy, It was waving its leaves together, like clap ping its hands for joy.

It may be the man that will own it, that' coming to buy to-day, Will be chopping it down, or digging it up, and

burning it out of the way. And there are the pansies yonder, and th roses he heped to tend-Why, every bush on the dear old place is as dear as a tried old friend.

And now we must go and leave them-but there! they have come from town; I haven't had time to smooth my hair, or ever to change my gown.

I can see them both quite plainly, although i is getting late, And the stranger's a whistling " Home, Sweet

Home," as he comes up from the gate. I'll go out into the kitchen now, for I don't

want to look on his face. What right has he to be whistling that, unles

he has bought the place. Why, can that be Thomas coming? he usually steps so slow;

There's something come into his footstep like twenty-six years ago. There's something that sounds like gladnes and the man that he used to be

Before our Willie went out from home to die on the stormy sea. What, Thomas! Why are you smiling, and holding my hands so tight?

And why don't you tell me quicklygo from the farm to-night? What's that? "You bring me tidings, an

tidings of wonderful joy;"
cannot be very joyous, unless it is news of my boy.

Oh, Thomas! You cannot mean it? Here, le melook in your face. Now tell me again it is Willie that's wanting

to buy the place. -Chicago Inter-Ocean.

TOM'S SISTER.

She was fifteen when the mother died, and Tom was seventeen, and the baby barely five hours old. never went to school after that. The housekeeping fell upon her, and she unexpected! Dear Tom, I am glad of

When she was eighteen, her father was found dead at his desk. At once all the family income was cut off, Tom, at the time, was studying book

keeping, and in assisting his father had

had some practice in the work.

"You must ask for father's place, Tom." Ivah said. It was the day after the burial. Tom

Ivah's face was white and pinched, but her eyes seemed looking away to "What

the guiding star of duty.
"But, dear," she said, "we have got to go on living. It would be selfish and cowardly for either of us to die and leave the other. And then, too, there is our baby. There is just one way. Tom; we must find where our duty Tom; we must find where our duty lies and go to meet it. Our duty is to live for each other and for baby. To do lose a day from work. We can't afford to lose a day from work. We owe for the coffin in which our dear father is a year," he said, impatiently. "Of buried in the course Lean't keep up two establish-

take care of baby and do our house-work, and I can keep our table expenses up for themselves. You can't expect to three dollars a week. But we haven't that I can stay tied up to you always. to three dollars a week. But we haven that to spend unless you can get work. You ought to go right away and ask for papa's place. If you prefer, and ask for you."

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thousand dollars," said Tom.
"Of course not," said Ivah. "You're pay you anything at the start; but it | teaching. would be much if you could even secure

the place."
"They need an experienced bookkeeper. I could not do their work."
Tom said, dejectedly.
"I could help you, Tom," said Ivah, cheering. "You could bring the books

nome and we could work together at night after I get baby asleep. 'I've no idea that they would give me 'May I go ask them to?" Tom's silence gave consent, and Ivah

Her father had been in the employ of Harris Brothers for twenty-three years.

clouded with sorrow; his heart ached. He felt such a dread of the future, with wanting to buy, you say.

its sudden responsibilities, that he must have failed but for Ivah's words of courage and hand of help. In the most desponding mood, when he was ready to let go, to let fate come on, there was the sister, patient and

brave, to bring forward reserved forces and save the day.

Never a word had she about her own heartache; never a word of the hard day passed at washing or ironing or baking, with baby's hindering little e kept away from the ses water or the hot irons or the swelling

dough Never a word heard Tom sweeping-day, when she went into every corner of the desolate house, discover ing reminders of the dear father, which brought sudden spasms of pain, to be borne alone. Not a word did he hear of the backaches and armaches in soothing fretting baby to her afternoon nap; nothing of the lonely time when she sat n the silent, silent house, wearily patching and darning; nothing of the drudgery over the hot stove, of the dish-wash-

g, of the mopping. She planned her work and hurried it to keep the unpleasant out of Com's sight and hearing. Returning at night he would find baby in bed, having had her bread-and-milk

The little round table would be set, ooking cheery and inviting with clean inen, clear glass and polished silver. while, perchance, flowers on the mantle rightened and sweetened the room. And when the supper-table

cleared Ivah would sit by Tom to do turns.

Befo ookkeeping. At length the anxiously expected day

came when Tom was to hear the judgnent as to his trial. When he returned at night Ivah scru-tinized his face, her heart full at per-

eiving that it was not very cheerful. She refrained from asking questions, leaving him to choose his time and anner of communicating the result. 'Harris Brothers offer me the place worn. at forty dollars a month," he said, after

"Oh, Tom, how glad we ought to be! how thankful! I've felt all the time that God meant to take care of us," Ivah said, and then she broke down and inquired about Marie.

But if I can do the work of the place," said Tom, grumbling, "I don't see why I shouldn't have the wages which belong to it. I've about decided

work for half-pay."

"Oh, don't, Tom, don't!" cried Ivah, taking alarm. "Think how much it is worth to have secured the place. Take what you can get till you have gained skill and demonstrated your value. When you are sure of your skill, and they are sure, you may ask for a higher salary. We can manage well with forty dollars. I find new ways of economizing every day."

On and on she went, ti'll Tom was persuaded to close with Harris Brothers' He would not have been able to deserve this but for his sister's watchful

Even after he had gained skill in the work he still brought his books home for her aid. Often she was left bending over the figures while he went out to refresh himself at some place of amuse-

Before the year was out Tom's salary had been raised to seventy dollars a month, and a few months later he announced that, at last, he was to have e thousand dollars. Isn't it good, dear Tom?" Ivali

· We said, cuddling close up to him. can begin to lay by something for baby's "I can't spare much money," said Tom, with his eyes downcast. There was silence for a moment, and then he went on with some words that made his sister's heart beat in a dreadful way 'The fact is, I've been waiting for a rise in my salary to-to-make an important change in my life.

Ivah's heart stood still in terror. Again Tom paused. What is it, Tom? What change? You are not going away? I suppose I ought to have told you before. I'm-I'm engaged to get married."

She gasped, "Oh, Tom!" and then broke into tears. Tom was vexed at her emotion.
"I don't see why you need take on at
this rate," he said, with petulance. "I

should think you'd rejoice at any happi

ness that comes into my life of drud "Yes," sobbed Ivah; "but it was so had to be little nother to the motherless anything that will make you happier.

hint of the fragile in her slight little house. You have had time and heart affairs and to baby Ivah gave to attend-

admitted.
"When do you expect to be married?"

"Next Wednesday."
"And this is Saturday. I fear I can't get things ready for you. Your room ought to be repapered." No matter about my room," said Tom, with nervous haste, for he saw had his face in his hands, the picture of abandon. He taised his head. His tion, what he dreaded to say. "I think eyes were swollen and red with weeping."

The matter the day after the day after the dreaded to say in a natural connection, what he dreaded to say. "I think we had better go to Mrs. Hill's for a few months, at least. I want Marie's think of such things in our great sorrow," said Tem. "I want nothing but to lie down and die."

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"What would the house be without Tom?" cried Ivah's poor heart. Then, too, the prudent little soul trembled at the extravagance of Tom's plan. "I don't see, Tom, how you can afford to take rooms at Mrs. Hill's. Jf we divide, we double the expense;

buried. I have been making plans. I course, I can't keep up two establish-have discharged Mrs. McGill. I can ments: that isn't to be expected of a course, I can't keep up two establishthat I can stay tied up to you always, Ivah. I should think you might do

Ivah replied with low, pathetic voice: "You ought to know why, Tom. I have been doing housework since I was new hand. Perhaps they would not fifteen. I have no preparation for "Well," said Tom, in his easy way, 'you have a good head for planning.

You'll have to think it over and determine what you'll do. He went out and left his sister sitting with white face and wide eyes. It was not dismay that she must go out single-handed to the combat that kept her sitting there like a statue; it was that Tom was willing she should fight alone.
With a deserted feeling she went in to

where baby was sleeping; she dropped beside the bed; she kissed baby's hand, thrown out. Then she put her eyes against the They were kindly disposed toward het and Tom; they would like it if he could take the father's place; they hardly thought he could fill it. Yes, they were willing he should try.

The was a beginner; his brain was brain was beginner; his brain was b She knelt there till she had persuaded herself that she had no right to censure

Tom. All young men fell in love, and all wanted to marry. She could not expect Tom to be a sacrifice to ber and When she had thus decided, she say up and began to plan her future There seemed only one thing for Ivah do; to take some boarders. Before going to bed, she went to the Tribune office with an advertisement for the morning paper. By the time that Tom had vacated

room and go

elderly man and wife were ready to move into it. Table-boarders also move That first day Ivah cooked for came. seven boarders. She had a young girl to look after baby, wash dishes, run errands, etc. Ivah's rule was to have a few dishes, well-prepared, and having a home-layor. As she had reckoned, this

flavor. others. Before the month was out. there were more applicants than her able would accommodate. At the month's end, with a throbbing heart, Ivah carefully cast up her ac-counts. When this was done, she shut counts. the little book, caught baby to her

knee, kissing and hugging the child The little landlady had come out ahead. There was a balance of thirteen dollars in her favor. She knew that her boarders were so well pleased that she could venture a

small advance on her prices. Very small it was, only seventy-five cents a head, on the week, but it told on the re-Before five months had passed, Ivah ng and verifying-the drudgery of the decided to take a larger and better house, more conveniently situated for business people, and to put up her house was nearer Tom's quarters, and before Ivah was settled,

om came around with his books.
"It will be so pleasant to have you near," he said. Ivah discerned the sadness in his smile. She had remarked before that

Tom was looking thinner and more "Whenever you are belated in your work, you must come and let me help you, Tom," she said, beginning to cast up a column of figures .

When they had finished the work, she 'She's at the theater," said Tom, with a dash of bitterness in his voice and in his face.

"Why didn't you go with her?" Ivah "I couldn't afford it," said Tom; keep Mrs. Webber's books besides Harris Brothers' books "I suppose you're laying by something but you mustn't overwork. Couldn't an

"Marie!" Tom cried, with a derisive Ivah was greatly pained that Tom could use such a tone toward his wife. "There is nothing Marie can do except to spend money. I am not laying up anything. She keeps me in debt every hour of my life. I am owing ninety-six dollars board now." "Why, Tom!" cried Ivah, shocked. "Why don't you go to a cheaper boarding house?" I can't get away from Mrs. Hill's till I have settled arrears, unless I leave my trunks. Think of that humilia-

"Oh, Tom, I would do anything, I would live on parched corn, before I "But you could not help the debt if you were bound to such a person as my That night she lay awake, planning

Tom, remembering her vow to stand by him-to desert him never. He The next day she called at Mrs. Hill's. and by becoming surety for the payment of Tom's arrears, she had his belongings moved to her boarding-house. As Marie made no objection to the move, especially as some of the ladies at Mrs. Hill's had begun to cut her. Ivah believed with Tom that the secret of Marie's extravagance and dis-

content and dissipation was the want of useful employment. Ivah set herself 'The French women have such a knack at making things look their best, and you have such taste, Marie, that it would be a real favor to me if you would see to the setting of the table,' Ivah said, with her prettiest manner, which was very pretty indeed So Marie, her skill and self-esteem flattered, went to the dining-room and did her best at spreading the table, and Ival: praised the result. By some simi-

lar finesse Marie was induced to take had to be little nother to the motherless baby.

Her father, who was a bookkeeper, had have rearned over a thousand a year. Ivah's rearing, therefore, had been on a basis of simplicity and frugelity.

People said the new duties would prove too heavy for her, for there was a hint of the fragile in her slight little.

Anything that will make you happier. Of course, it has been very dreary for you since father died, and you have had to work hard.

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Then Ivah beguiled Marie, who was his partners, who succeeded, with the work, and every morning, right after breakfast, she would go to the kitchen and make the you out into the light and life and sunshine; mine has tied me to the lonely house. You have had time and heart life in the ladies' parlors.

Charge of the ladies' parlors.

Then Ivah beguiled Marie, who was his partners, who succeeded, with the assistance of the police in tracking him fatuated with the work, and every morning, right after breakfast, she would go to the kitchen and make the you out into the light and life and sunshine; mine has tied me to the lonely house. You have had time and heart

"She is of French parentage," Tom | watchful, adroit devotion, under many

rying circumstances.
In the midst of the training, Ivah was asked to become the wife of a man whom her heart had been tending. He was a talented young lawyer, wellcaring for others. But she dared not let go of Marie and of obliterating the marks."

Fom, and there might be such a thing as baby being unwelcome. ising .- Youth's Companion.

Results of Last Year's Farming. The price for wheat as returned De cember 1 by the producer is \$1.1 making a total value of \$499,008,803 for 1879, against a total value in 1878 of \$326,346,000 at the same date. The last report from the department at Washngton calls attention to the enlargement of area devoted to this cereal in many of the large winter-wheat States—New York, West Virginia, Ohio and Michigan, each seven per cent.; Texas and Tennessee, each ten per cent.; Kentucky nd Indiana, each fourteen per cent. Missouri, sixteen per cent.; Kansas and Oregon, each twenty per cent : Illinois. wenty-two rer cent. There are quite general complaints of the ravages of the Hessian fly in early-sown crops, and of rought retarding germination in the later sown. Yet the crops start out on

the whole under prospects considerably above the average.

The area in winter rye has fallen of about three per cent. from last year. The New England States, the States north of the Ohio river and the Pacific States, equal or slightly enlarge their ast year's acreage; Texas, the only one of the gulf States in which this crop is sufficient importance to attract attention, reports an increase of nineteen per cent. The other sections report a liminished breadth; the falling off in the Southern inland States is fully one-fifth. The condition of the crop is bout on the average.

A decline of twelve per cent. is noted

the oat crop. The price as returned in the December report averages 33.2 cents per bushel, against 24.6 last year at the same time. increase is general in all sections of the country. The only States showing a decline are: Mississippi, two cents;

Tennessee, three cents; Kentucky, three cents; Minnesota, two cents, and Missouri, one cent. The total product of buckwheat for the country is estimated at 13,145,600 bushels, which, at the average price re-The seven boarders brought in | turned by the producer, fifty-nine cents per bushel, gives \$7,860,000 in round numbers as the value of this crop,

igninst \$6,454,000 in 1878. The hay crop is about ten per cent less than that of 1878. price of hay is about \$9.24 per ton. against \$7.21 in 1878. The last estimate of the cotton cror gives 5,020,387 bales of 450 pounds each. The price returned by the producer is an average of 10.2 cents per pound. The total product of the country in tobacco is within a small per cent. of that of 1878. As a whole the quality is but slightly better than that of 'ast year's crop, although an improvement s quite marked in several States. The price on the farm remains about the ame as last year; it has not kept pace with the improved prices in wheat and cotton. More attention to the cultivation and after management of the crop is suggested. The department estimates the total crop at 384,059,659 pounds, valued at \$21,541,591, against 392,546,700 ounds, valued at \$22,137,428, in 1878. The potato crop of the country for 1879 is estimated at 181,369,000 bushels. which at the price returned, 43.5 cents as the average, makes in round numbers

379,000,000, against a valuation in 1878 f \$73.050.000. It must be remembered that the aver age prices here given are as returned by the farmers of the whole country, and

not the prices in the great markets.-New York World.

A Brilliant Diamond Robber. One of the cleverest diamond robberies of modern times is reported in a tone of

odd complacency by the leading joursides, I have to work. You know I nals of St. Petersburg. About a fortnight ago a handsome equipage drew up at the door of the first jeweler in the capital. Alighting from the carriage, pretty young lady entered the shop and requested that some parures of brilliants ight be shown to her. Several costly sets were forthwith submitted for in spection, and after some hesitation she elected a riviere and pendants valued at 10,000 rubles, and stating that she was the wife of an eminent mad-doctor, whose name is a household word in St Petersburg, requested the proprietor of the establishment to accompany her home with the jewels, in order to settle finally with her husband about their price. The jeweler packed up his diamonds and got into the carriage with his fair customer. Presently they arrived at a large house, and were received at the porte cochere by a Suisse in splendid livery, who conducted them up a brilliantly-lighted staircase into richly-furnished drawing-roomthat which the lady begged her compa, in to take a seat, and, jewel-case in roceeded to summon "her husbaand, Entering the doctor's consultation-rnd. in an apparent state of uncontrolloom agitation, she informed the latter able she had brought her unfortunate spouse to visit him, in the hope that he would undertake to cure him of the strange monomania under which he had labored for some time past. "My afflicted husproprietor from A-, in the govern-ment of Minsk; he is quiet and harmess, but has diamonds on the brain. He will talk of nothing else, poor fel Will you see him? I have left im in your drawing-room, and am much too nervous to be you diagnose his case. Might I, therefore, ask you to accompany me to my carriage before you go to him? It wil be such a relief to me to leave him in your care." Her ingenious device was crowned with complete success. She drove off with the diamonds; an interfully confirmed her statement with respect to the latter's alleged monomania, and resulted in his being placed under bodily restraint, from which he was

hint of the fragile in her slight little body, though there was nothing sickly-looking about her. There was a fresh though delicate color in her circleck, life in her blue eye, and in all her movements a freeness which asserted an elastic nature.

The looking about her was nothing sickly-looking about her. There was a freeness was delicated in the her blue eye, and the looker of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the name of the woman who was to take the ing Marie to lectures and concerts and | Father (who is always trying to teach

only rescued three days later by one of

TIMELY TOPICS.

The London World has "no reason to doubt the truth of the statement current whom she much esteemed, and toward in society last week to the effect that the two sons of the Prince of Wales, He was a talented young lawyer, well-started upon a promising practice. It was very enticing to the girl—for Ivah panion to allow themselves each to be was not yet twenty-one—the thought of a quiet home where she could get away from people and have a rest, cherished said to be in despair about the affair; and cared for-she who had been always and all the medical science of London has been consulted as to the possibility

Numerous cases of depredations by Years passed, and Ivah, well, when she saw clearly that Tom could do without his sister, she went to help a certain young lawyer, who declared that he could not do without her. And "baby" destroying any animal which was rot through one of the suburbs of Temesvar, destroying any animal which was rot dearly their four-footed compatriots, housed. A clergyman who was that it was rescinded, not, however, becould not do without her. And "baby" is Ivah's baby yet, for her two strong boys, who came to her in her happiness and prosperity, can never displace her mother's baby, with whom Ivah learned to bear the cross, whose pathetic carry called her into the second nath of the corresponding to the corresponding and animal which was returning home in a sledge from a sledge from fore many thousand curs had bitten the a pack of wolves. He bade the driver make all possible speed; but at a sharp turning the sledge was upset, the clergycry called her into the sacred path of man was thrown out, and torn to pieces duty, which leadeth toward the sun-

Mr. Tennyson is described in interest-Mr. Tennyson is described in interesting fashion by a clever correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle. "Nobody," says the writer, "would suspect him for a poet now. His face is strong, and his eyes have a certain brightness, but he is seamed, rather than wrinkled, from forehead to chin; he appears to be puffy; he is partially bald; hestoops and shuffles; dresses ordinarily and care. They sellied out en masse armed with shuffles; dresses ordinarily and careliterary earnings that his entire propperty is probably worth \$1,000,000-a the culprits had begun to clutch and remakable fortune for a poet. thump them, and they would gertainly

The successful expedition of Professor Nordenskjold has proved that the shores of the Arctic sea are not so inhospitable as has been generally supposed. Perhaps the most interesting of the minor discoveries made by the night, heard the disturbance, dashed in learned explorer is the finding of a new re nedy against the draad of all navigators and the particular scourge of Arctic ated clothes testified to the warmth of expeditions—nan ely, scurvy. It appears that there was not a single case of various attempts induced the humane this disease during the whole voyage; Aziz to try another plan to decimation. and this remarkable fact is due. not to He founded a hospital for dogs. Numthe employment of lime-juice and other antiscorbutics in ordinary use, but to to diseased, crippled and superanuated the use of a curious little berry, hitherto curs, whose case was properly endorsed cents per bushel, against 24.6 last year at the same time.

The average yield of corn per acre of the whole country, according to the last returns, is 29.1 bushels, against 26.9 hundance, and are said to be a favorite without distinction of age, color, or bushels in 1878. This average was ex- fruit with some of the natives of the state of health, the patients were trun ceeded in only one previous year—1875
—when it was 29.4 bushels. The average price of the crop obtained by the farmers

The mode of preparation adopted on the burials, that the "hospital" must be came patent, by the large number of the crop obtained by the farmers

The mode of preparation adopted on the burials, that the "hospital" must be called the parameter of the parameter up to the December return was 37 6 cents per bushel, against 31.8 in 1878. The ries and then preserve them in the milk

preserved for an indefinite period. sooner or later artificially. A Dr. Percy. of sufficient size and quality to be of any stance of sapphire and ruby, has ago been crystalized, yet to this day meliotes in the shape of unctuous "kano artificial sapphire or ruby worth a hobs" and greasy "pillai." In the farthing has appeared in the market. Turkish quarters, and indeed every-The balas ruby, or red spinel, was where, they are treated kindly enough, formed about forty years ago by Ebel- but the charitable and good-natured Oswhich I have specimens in my collection; yet, so far as I am aware, the means. His four-footed dependents of their property will be lowered by the crystalized carbon of the chemical

In one of his St. Louis meetings, Mr. Moody, the revivalist, recently remarked that the telling of individual experience religious matters was not only as a rule truitless of good results, but in many cases it was positively harmful. The experiences of different persons varied according to their constitutions and in no two persons were the feelings induced by conversion the same. To some the knowledge came with the suddenness of the lightning's flash, while to others it was gradual as the dawn. In no two persons is the process the same, "for God does not repeat Himself." Inquirers must not be told, he said, of this person's experience and of that person's. f meetings for inquirers were properly conducted there might be "a thousand conversions where there are ten now.' He compared meetings to "clenching the nail when it is driven home; to harrowing in the seed when sown, so that Satan cannot pull them away as the bearer passes out of the church door.' Again, he likened them to "looking into a net after it was thrown to see it it had

caught anything." Words of Wisdom.

The heart ought to give charity when the hand cannot. Whoever learns to stand alone must learn to fall alone. Youth should be patient, because the future lies before it.

A man of numerous desires is of all beings the most independent. He who waits at the gates of by-andby enters at the gates of the never. He that speaks the truth will find imself in sufficiently dramatic situa tions.

To Adam, paradise was home. To the good among his descendants, home is paradise. Despair and postponement are cow-dice and defeat. Men were porn to suc-

ceed, not to fail. Impoliteness is derived from two sources-Indifference to the divine and contempt for the human. When a man dies men inquire what he has left behind him; angels inquire what he has sent before him.

They that will not be counseled, cannot be helped. If you do not hear reason, she will rap your knuckles. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love. Bad manners are a species of bad morals. A conscientious man will not grossly offend in that way .- Bovee. Nothing is more dangerous than an

taine. The generous who is always just and wiew between the doctor and the jeweler the just who is always generous may, fully confirmed her statement with reunannounced, approached the throne of heaven. He who betrays another's cause he has quareled with him, was never worthy of the sacred name of friend; a breach of kindness will not

Self-devotion is but a form of gener osity; the generosity of those who give themselves, having nothing more and nothing better to give, and belongs equally to the nobler natured of both

The Dogs of Constantinople.

I allude to the 108,000 homeless dogs whose domicile is the streets of this city They are said to be the descendants degenerate, no doubt, of the numerous packs of wolves that once, probably be-fore the taking of Constantinople by Mahmoud, roamed about on either shore of the Bosphorus, in which the immunity they now enjoy, begun from fear, has now its source in affection. One of the former sultans, Abdul Medjid, whose subjects were not so down-trodden as the Turks of to-day, nearly created a revolution by ordering the annihilation of all the street dogs by poison. As they in those days were four or five times paid for the concession was 120,000 francs. The capitalist's intention was before the eyes of the terrified griver. In a country village a few wolves came boldly at mid-day into the inn yard and devoured an ass; and at Szalouta a shepherd was killed and eaten as he was herd was killed and eaten as he was classified and the rest going for fertilizing purposes. Elaborate preparations were made for their slaughter, the flaying of the same storage of the skins. Howbodies, and storage of the skins. ever, the first two emissaries of death.

They sallied out en masse, armed with lessly, and has a generally rustic mien tools, utensils, etc., snatched up in hot; fry, and then drain them on a and denotement. He does not affect, haste, and surrounded the terrified dog-sieve till free from the adhesion of any and never has affected, general so-eiety, and the fact shows in his bearing and slovenly raiment." The corre-half thrust in the sack. An explana-half thrust in the sack. An explana-days, and a good deal has been cut from and slovenly raiment." The correspondent adds that Mr. Tennyson has been cut from was rather difficult. A fierce made such wise investment of his large breeze of threats passed through the very sightly dish. crowd, the hands of those neares have met the same fate as De Flesseller with the Hotel de Ville mob in 1789 passed, all this scene having been at and rescued the couple of prisoners, not berless admissions were granted at first

of the reindeer, which was then allowed to freeze. In this state the fruit can be out of the ambulance, and this ingenious contrivance was found out, like the others and a stop put to the massacre. Like the "Terror," although its reign was of short duration, the caused the death of many thousands This was the last scheme invented to agree with Mr. Maskelyne in thinking thin out the canine population. Since that there is reason to expect that the then, that is, for some fifteen years, the diamond will some day be artificially dogs have had a calmera of prosperity, produced, but if so, possibly a very long ruffled only by such passing events as period will be required to form a crystal the arrival of the 40,000 refugees in 1878. when so many of these quadrupeds fell commercial value. Alumina, the sub- under the sacrificial knife, and gladmen in small but distinct crystals, of manli goes further and rations a number natural gem is alone known to jewelers. know the hour of breakfast and dinner Possessors of diamonds have not at and swarm on the doorsteps at the appresent any reason to fear that the value pointed hour with a regularity beyond all praise. Bones and slops are set before them and disappear into their capacious gullets in inverse order to that name, a few crunches of their massive molars sufficing to reduce the most solid

> powder. In Pera, the European quarte their presence is tolerated on account of the work they do as scavengers .- Corre-

part of a sheep's anatomy to digestible

California Drivers. The California ranchmen have won-derful apitude for driving and one sees some pretty good examples among the The road down the mountai sides is entirely unguarded upon the outer edge, and the descent in most places is precipitous. A balky or a fractured wheel, or a slight carelessness in handling the reins, might easily send a carriage load of people to destruction-and an awful destruction, too. The path is wide enough for one pair of wheels only, but at intervals, in favorable places, it broadens so that teams may pass each other. To drive in such a manner as not to meet another traveler midway between these place is a special branch of the art. The from the mills in the mountains to the yards in the valleys, being unwieldy and very heavy, are especially hard to manage. Yet the drivers always seem easy and nonchalant. First there is a large four-wheeled oaken truck with a seat in front ten feet above the ground; would be appropriate. This is the rebehind it is another truck, somewhat shorter but still enormously stout. They are fastened together and loaded with from ten to fifteen tons of freshly-sawn lumber-boards and joists. This mass is drawn by six or eight mules or final WAH comes out in a sharp staccato horses, guided by reins and a prodigithat is startling in the extreme. I am powerful brake, worked by a long cry must rank first in the second class of iron lever by the driver upon his seat. The driver is a man of nerve and courage. His skill must be of the highest order. It will not do for him to take fright even if in imminent danger, and ne must know to a hair's breadth where he can go and where he cannot. Tower ing up far above the road, overlooking the most stupendous depths, and guid ing with a few slender lines a tremendous force, he must needs be an adept, and a tireless one. But a beholder ignorant of the danger that surrounds him-would say that his work was simple, and that he managed matters with ease. True, he seems to. With his broad-brimmed hat shading sun-burnt face, his sinewy hands hold. ing the reins with carelessness, his legs outstretched, with one foot feeling the all important brake, he jogs onward with his monster charge without trouble or concern; the bells upon the horses' breasts jingle a little tune; the great wheels crush the stones in the path; the load creaks like a ship's hull n a sudden gust; wild birds sweep from the monotony of alphabetical imprudent friend; better is it to have down into hazy, sunny deptns below; to deal with a prudent enemy.-Lafonyet the driver seems to take no heed But let a "scare" take place; let a herd of runaway cattle appear at a bend and

The day-dreamer will become a giant of strength; he is up in a flash; he shortens his hold on the reins, and feeling his wagon start up beneath him, places a foot of iron on the brake. The liorses snort and rear and surge; the harnesses rattle, the dust arises, the load shricks again, and the huge wheels simply ludicrous. It goes thus: may end all in one horrible plunge. Unselfish and noble acts are the most | Muscle, eye, brain and skill are then

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

ITALIAN BEEFSTEAK.-Cut a steak from any tender part, beat it. and season with onion, pepper and salt. Lay it in close, and take care that it does not burn. In two or three hours it will be quite tender.

RICE PUDDING —Three quarters of a

RICE PUDDING.—Three quarters of a road from the depredations of these cupful of boiled rice, a pint of milk, the animals. olks of three eggs, the grated rind of a emon, a little salt; stir all together and bake; when cool, beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth and add a cupful and a half of powdered sugar, pour it over the top, set it in the oven and brown. PLAIN SUGAR CAKES .- One cupful

sugar and tablespoonful butter rubbed together, one well-beaten egg, one cup-ful sweet milk, one and a half cupfuls sifted flour, a little salt, one half tea-spoonful soda, and one teaspoonful cream of tartar sifted in with the flour; eason with nutmeg; bake in small tins. APPLE PUFFS .- Pare and core the native administration, fifty-six fruit, and either stew them in a stone jar, or bake them. When cold, mix the pulp of the apple with sugar and lemon peel shred fine, taking as little of the apple juice as you can. Bake them in a thin paste in a quick oven; a quarter of an hour will do them, if small. Quince marmalade or cinnamon pounded

is an improvement. HAM BALLS.—Beat six eggs until very light, and add flour gradually until you have a batter stiff enough to admit of being made into balls. Prepare some local being made into balls. Prepare some in 1791. of "their ravages. The poor HAM BALLS.—Beat six eggs until very have a batter stiff enough to admit of being made into balls. Prepare some cold boiled ham, fat and lean mixed, by chopping it up very fine; then flour it, and mix with the batter. Drop the and mix with the batter. balls into melted lard that is boiling

Hicking Cows A correspondent of the Country Gen-tleman writes: I have tried all the various ways to prevent cows from kicking while milking, and have found none while milking, and have found none more harmless, easily applied, and as effectual as the Dutch or Holland method, which is to take a small rope about four feet long, and put it around both hind legs, just above the gambrel joints, with a slipknot; draw tight enough to bring both legs firmly together; wind the rope two or three times between the legs, around this rope or noose, drawing it tight, and fasten the rope by a half hitch. In North Holland, this is practiced on all the cows at every milking. They are driven to the milking-ground, where stakes are driven about two feet high, stakes are driven about two feet high, and to these stakes the cows are Many districts have petitioned for a ied for milking. Each cow goes close season, so as to preserve the edible directly to its own stake, and when to be milked they voluntarily place their that has defied the energy of the British feet in proper position to have their legs official is the stake. One may, however,

moderately still; otherwise they are the present day. The ascertained number of persons who died from snake-There is a sucden determination of blood to the head, generally attacking horses at work, or in harness upon the producing symptoms which may be mistaken for apoplexy. It is a temporary loss of volantry power and sensation. The symptoms are as follows: his head as the fit approaches, reels and falls down, but there is no spasm; the He soon recovers, rises to his feet. shakes himself and goes on as if nothing had occurred. Druft horses are more subject to this trouble than others in pulling heavy loads. It may, or may not, be accompanied by disease of the brain, and it is a singular fact that horses which have been affected when worked in the collar, seldom have it when rode under the saddle, a convincing proof that the collar may and often does produce the trouble by pressur upon jugular veins, causing pressure of blood upon the brain from the distended condition of the veins in the head. The remedy is to procure a collar which fits the neck nicely, keep

the bowels in good order, and by no means feed corn or corn meal. Coal Oil for Insects A correspondent of the California ulturist, having exhausted all the known remedies for plant lice and other minute forms of insect life which prey upon plants, resorted to coal oil which proved a complete exterminator. He ays: I procured from a druggist an atomizer, and filling a bottle with kerosene, sprayed over a camelia to be experimented upon. It was a very dirty only with scale, but with black fungus; a very small quantity sufficed to vaporize and cover the entire plant. After the fluid had evaporated and the plant was dry, the scales were found dead, shriveled, and partly detached, and with the slightest touch fell off; the black fungus, also, which everybody knows is so tenacious on the leaf, was dried up into a loose powder, which a shake sent to the ground.

College Cheers. Dartmouth's unearthly cry was born probably, in the mind of some under-Mater was originally chartered "for ye thin copper leaves, on which characters instruction and conversion of ye Indian had been engraved. youth of His Majesty's Province;" and who thought that something aboriginal

sult: Wah-Hoo-wah! The second syllable is prolonged indefinitely in a most appalling hoot, and the The first wagon has inclined to think that the Dartmouth college cheers, although that of Rutgers may, perhaps, dispute this claim. While, however, Dartmouth endeavors perhaps, dispute this claim. to inspire terror by its yell, Rutgers prefers to excite mirth:

'Rah! 'Rah 'Rah!

Bow-wow-wow!

few hundred Rutgers men with good

lungs certainly produce as comic an effect with their cheer as can well be reading the story of the crime com imagined. It is a most sublime velp. Racine has a punning cheer, the first part of it being not only the orthodox relude to all other cheers, but also a part of its own name. It goes It is quite original, and sounds well. In fact, it is the only Western college cheer that deserves consideration. One of the colleges that possess "initial-cheer" (if I may so describe it) is the College of the City of New York.

genuity or euphony, yet its inventors | earth several hundred feet thick which deserve considerable credit for departing 'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah!

It is not very remarkable either for in-

In fact, alphabetical cheers are altolack of originality in the colleges where Williams has a curious sort of cheer. that should not be omitted in the list. It is not particularly stirring, even when chorused by a multitude, and when only a dozen or more give it it is

Will-yums! yams! TUM5! was mortally wounded, another received a flesh wound in his thigh. The rest escaped.

Another was formed in this was formed in this way, although, he adds, he by no means diameter. They are in color nearly white and their bodies are transparent.

—Nevada City Transcript.

Extermination of Beasts in India. A belt of jungle filled with feroclous snimals lay for years around the sultivated lan!. The official records frequently speak of the mailbag being carried off by tigers, and the custom of the with onion, pepper and salt. Lay it in mail runners carrying jangling rings an iron stew-pan that has a cover to fit or bells to scare away the wild beasts or bells to scare away the wild beasts

> The ravages of the wild elephants were on a larger scale, and their exter-mination formed one of the most important duties of the British officers after the country passed under our rule Tigers, leopards and wolves slew their thousands of men and their hundreds of wild elephants was absolutely resistles lifting off roofs, pushing down walls trampling a village under foot as if i were a city of sand which a child had built upon the shore. In two parishes alone, during the last few years of the with their surrounding lands "had all been destroyed and gone to jungle caused by the depredations of wild ele Another official return states phants."

that forty market villages throughou

Birbhum district had been deserted from the same cause. Large reductions had to be made in the land tax, and the East India com proach, and silently views the destruc tion of his cottage and the whole profits of his labor." "One night," writes an English surveyor in 1810, "although had a guard the men of the village close to my tent retired to the trees, and the women hid themselves among the cattle, leaving their huts a prey to the ele-phants, who knew very well where to ook for grain. Two nights before some of them had unroofed a hut in the vil-

lage, and had eaten up all the grain which a poor family possessed." "Most fortunately for the population of the cial license under official supervision game still remaining. The only animal 21.391 killed by snakes and all other wild animals. The deaths from wild

azine. What was Found in an Ohio Cave. An exploring party has made wonderful discoveries in a cave in Adams county. Ohio, supposed to be the work of the mound-builders. In Tiffin township is a plateau of 200 acres surrounded hills. At a depression in the plateau there is a well three feet in diameter and twenty-five feet deep. sons have frequently descended into the well and explored the cavernous cham-bers of mathematical regularity to which it leads. On the walls of the chambers may be seen among other writings the inscription "Von Brody. 1789," made by that Indian hunter, who preceded the "Ohio Company" in 1786. In the fourth chamber, reached through a narrow passage, had long ago been found a well, ten feet in diameter, and of unknown depth. It was to learn the secret of this well that two merchants a lawyer and two newspaper writers old and weighing 351 pounds, and the provided themselves with a rope-ladder, other seven years old and weighing 178 mplements for breaking stone and lanterns. They descended fifty feet into the well, where they found a narrow gallery fifty feet long, leading by a gradual descent to a chamber 225 feet ong. 110 feet wide and twenty-four feet high. In the center of the chamber was found a large mausoleum, carved out of the solid rock and covered with devices, inscriptions and bas reliefs. couch, in its center, lay the stone figure of a man of giant proportions and wel met covered the head. decorated with flowers and leaves, stood at the corners of the couch. A copper lamp hung suspended above the head of the figure. Twenty smaller tombs were found against the walls of the chamber and twenty-five faces had been painted

Professor Nordenskjold investigated

the formation of the strata of frozen

occurs in Siberia and Polar America.

Along the coast of Siberia there is a

stratum of water resting on the bottom

when sunk into this stream, begins to

trawl-net often froze fast to the botton

on the wall near the entrance. A tomb was broken open, and revealed a well ength. The hair was of flue texture, black and curly. A copper spear head, almost as hard as a file, several copper utensils, a cup, two plates and a smal urn were also found in the tomb Wrapped in varnished cloth, at the head of the mummy, lay a book of 100

Capital Punishment by Electricity. The proposition to employ electricity as an agent in capital punishment has been advocated both in France and Gerknown as the Leeward islands, are be-coming a source of sugar supply to the many. A recent writer in the latter country thus sketches the method of was received from there. Last year procedure: In a dark room, draped \$300,000 worth was shipped. with black, and which is lighted by single torch-the chamter of execution -there shall stand an iron figure of justice, with her scales and sword. goddess will carry a powerful electric battery in her inside; and this battery chair shall stand the judge's tribunal, and only the judge, jury and other of-ficials shall be present with the con-paper is used on which the subscription demned during the ceremony of execu-This will consist in the judge mitted by the prisoner, who will be rigidly manacled to aforesaid chair; and when this has been done the judge

For they lifted my soul from its maze

A Remarkable Shower of Worms.

Blue Gentian-A Thought. I shall never be a child, With its dancing footsteps wild, Nor a free-footed maiden any more Yet my heart leaps up to sce The new leaf upon the tree.

As I kneel and pluck this store Ot blue gentian. shall never climb thy peak, Great white Alp that cannot speak Of the centuries that float over the

And for very joy brims o'er,'

And to hear the light winds pass

O'er the flowers in the grass,

like dreams, Dumb of all God's secret things Sealed to beggars and to kings-Yet I sit in a world of sight. Color, beauty, sound, and light, While at every step, meseer

Small sweet joys spring ap, like gleams

Of blue gentian. shall not live o'er airsin This strange life, halt bliss, bult pain; I shall sleep till Thou calt'st me to arise () Body and soul with new-born powers, If Thou wakenest these poor flowers, aller for Wilt thou not awaken me.

Oh! when faith grows dim and dies with Let me think of Alpine skies and pot And blue gentian. -Good Words

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Arkansas ranks next to Texas as a ton producing State. Virginia has 675 colored schools taught by 415 colored teachers. 10 14 A sound company One that runs and telephone line. Lowell Sunt was tree to be a It is the boss printer who takes and honest boy and makes a devil out of

A Prussian gravedigger has been arrested for roasting bodies and selling their fat. The late Duke of Portland's news-paper subscription bill amounted to \$6,500 a year. A man in Tuscaloosa county, Ala ate twenty-seven oranges one morning

Sixteen farmers were frozen to death zo in Minnesota on the same day, while going to market. Where no wood is, there the fire goeth too; so when there is no tale-bearers the strife ceaseth. "Love laughs at locksmiths," and yet there isn't anything funny about a lock-smith.—Boston Post.

before breakfast.

than for advertising don't understand this business.—Horace Greeley, and the man of By measurements given in the Book of Revelations there is only room enough in heaven for 297,000,000,000,000 pertled. The Dutch milk-pail is nearly of the size of a small wash-tub, hence the necessity of having the cows stand caused by this, their chief survivor at the statistician computes that 2,500,000.

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The man who pays more for shop rent

Never take a bull bi the horns, young man, but take him by the tail, then you beasts in the last century were probably ken let go when you want to .- Jesh not under 150,000 a year .- Cornhill Mag-One of the comical sights of leap year will be a girl whispering a tale of love

into the ear of a deaf man .- Philadel-

phia Chronicle.

London Truth thinks that American horses are more docile than English horses, because the former are more kindly treated. A. P. Gorman, the new Senator from Maryland, was formerly president of a base hall club in Washington, and is re-

nowned as a good "catcher." On a dark night, with four clotheslines stretched across the back yard, the most sensitive part of a man is his high It is estimated that there are now 40,-

000 less Chinese in number on the Pacific coast than there were at the beginning of the agitation against them. W. S. Thomas, of Elizabethtown Tenn., has two sons, one thirteen years. pounds.

York city last year in the erection of new buildings, which is in excess of the amount expended for new buildings any year since 1871. An idea of the fighting qualities of the Utes of Colorado may be gained from the fact that the Indian who is known to have killed Lieut. Weir was only

Over \$22,000,000 was expended in New

hirteen years of age. The fire of patriotism burns like an electric light in the bosom of that American who is ready to be sacrificed in any public service of responsibility and profit. - Waterloo Observer. A correspondent writes: "Where is

the warmest spot on earth?" He is respectfully referred to the small boy whose mother has been exercising her slipper upon him .- Albany Argus. "What is woman's will?" shricks a social scientist of the bachdor persuasion. Experience in our younger days the heirs don't want to contest .- Oswego

"He has gone into the lecture business," said one man to another in response to an inquiry about a mutual friend. "Is that so?" "Yes; he was married last week to a woman with the sharpest tongue in town." The small islands of the West Indies,

You find yourself refreshed by the presence of cheerful people. Why not make an earnest effort to confer that pleasure on others? You will find ha f the battle is gained if you never allow will be connected with an arm-chair yourself to say anything gloomy.

-the seat of death. In front of the An excellent chest-protector An excellent chest-protector for cold day is a folded newspaper buttoned

is unpaid the party is liable to be fiozen stiff in a very short time.- Hockland From statistics just published it appears that there are about 75,000 houses in Paris, exclusive of public buildings. break his rod of office and toss it into Their total value is estimated one of the scale-pans of the figure of jus- twenty-three millions sterling. The tice, at the same time extinguishing the superficies of the capital is put down at solitary torch. The descent of the pan 20,000 acres. There are 600,000 yards of

will complete the electric circuit, and sewers. The population numbers 1.990,shook the wretch into the next world. 000, or about 100 inhabitants per acre. "WHAT, NEVER?" I can never forget her dark blue eyes Like the summer sky when the day has fled; Nor their sudden look of sweet surprise. Nor the low, soft spoken words she said. I can never forget the murmured words,

of the sea, which is several degrees be- When she said, in the voice of a singing bird's low the freezing point, so that a flask of comparatively fresh surface water, Young man, vamose, or I'll fire you out

freeze. Stuxberg observed that the A strip of country nearly half a mile wide lying near Nevada City, was vis-This was accounted for by the freezing of the fresh water which the net carried ited by a peculiar storm last Friday morning at about eight o'clock. Mindenskield thinks that the mud carried gled with the snow and rain that fell down by the rivers into the sea, as it sinks to the bottom, carrying with it fresh water adhering to the minute par fresh water adhering to the minute par ticles, and that this fresh water, like that could not walk within the infested dis--Acta Colum biana. carried down by the net, freezes at the bottom, forming thus a frozen stratum. L. Dulac captured a large number of the Some uninvited guests attemped to which increases year by year until it visitors and brought several of them intrude themselves on a party at In- reaches an enormous thickness. He is to town in a bottle. The specimens dependence, Mo. They were wel- of opinion that a portion of the carthy vary in length from one to two inches. comed with a rifle. One of the men layers of Siberia was formed in this and are about a sixteenth of an inch in